

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard Anderson on March 6, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In line 8 of claim 1, ---the--- has been inserted after "has".

In line 8 of claim 2, ---the--- has been inserted after "has".

In line 3 of claim 10, "the air filter" has been changed to ---an air filter---.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest reference to Urch (2002/0134087) discloses an arrangement with inlet openings on the same side of a heat exchange housing, but fails to disclose or suggest a motivation for using two adsorption elements with a switching distribution means. The X reference (JP 2002-331221 A) cited in the international search report teaches a general heat exchange housing having a single rotary adsorption element but fails to disclose or suggest a motivation for using two adsorption elements with a switching distribution means or an arrangement with inlet openings on the same side of the housing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The additional references listed on the attached PTO-892 form disclose adsorption and filtering systems.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank M. Lawrence whose telephone number is 571-272-1161. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on 571-272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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